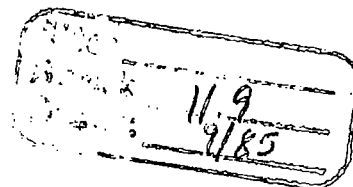


CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED



National Starch and Chemical Corp.
c/o Alexander M. Samson, Jr.
Associate Counsel
Finderne Avenue
Post Office Box 6500
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

Re: Medley Farm Site - Gaffney, South Carolina

Dear ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Samson:

On or about June 1983, EPA determined that there were releases or threatened releases into the environment of chemicals, including hazardous substances, from the Medley Farm Site, on Burnt Gin Road near Gaffney, South Carolina. These releases presented an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or welfare or the environment.

After offering the owner of the property, Ralph Medley, the opportunity to voluntarily undertake appropriate response actions, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a removal action using funds provided for such actions. This action was taken pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. The action began on or about June 20, 1983, and concluded on or about July 21, 1983. EPA's response actions thus far have included investigation of the site, and the removal and disposal of drums, contaminated soil, surface water and pond sediment.

The cost of EPA's response actions, as of August 9, 1985, was approximately \$598,090.18. EPA has determined that National Starch and Chemical Corp. is liable for payment of EPA's response costs, as well as other expenses arising from the response pursuant to §107(a)(1) and (2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a)(1) and (2).

We hereby request that National Starch and Chemical make restitution by payment of \$598,090.18 plus interest, together with any sums hereafter expended by the Agency on the site pursuant to the authority of CERCLA. The names of other potentially responsible parties receiving this request for payment are enclosed with this letter to facilitate organization among the identified parties concerning payment. If you or an organized group of potentially responsible parties desire to discuss your payment with EPA, please contact the person named

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below in writing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this letter. Absent such contact, the Agency will assume you have declined to reimburse the Hazardous Substance Response Trust Fund for the site expenditures, and will subsequently pursue civil litigation against you.

The person to be contacted is:

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Assistant Regional Counsel
Hazardous Waste Law Branch
U.S. EPA - Region IV
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365
Telephone: 404/881-2641

Sincerely yours,

TS/
Thomas W. Devine, Director
Waste Management Division

Enclosure

bcc: Giezelle Bennett, ERRB